

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**April 22, 2015**

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent of Public Works; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with abstentions from Councilmen Gordon and Matik. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor advised of a Resolution on the agenda honoring Lieutenant Jason Weber for twenty-five years of employment and a Resolution honoring Patrolman Don Auge for twenty-five years and retirement from the City of Linwood.

B. The Mayor will swear in the new Patrolman Alex Kuhns at the regular meeting.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised of a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract for School House Drive Neighborhood Resurfacing.

2. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda accepting the bid withdrawal from Think Pavers for the CDBG ADA curb cuts project.

3. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding the bid to the second lowest bidder, Diamond Construction, for the CDBG ADA curb cuts project.

5. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone advised that the Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP bank is on the agenda for final reading.

2. Councilman Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes for C-8 Village of Linwood.

3. Councilman Paolone discussed an Ordinance on the agenda amending the school Bond Ordinance to reallocate certain funds to other projects. No additional funds have been authorized.

6. Council President Tighe

A. Administration

1. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License to Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

2. Council President Tighe discussed correspondence he distributed regarding a school board that switched to the state health benefit plan. The teachers agreed to the change even with higher co-pays as it saved the school district money. Councilman Matik believes that Linwood teachers are already on the state's plan, but will confirm if that is correct.

B. Planning & Development

1. Council President Tighe discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending the Redevelopment Plan for the Cornerstone property. The amendment was reviewed by the Planning Board and the board did make some recommendations. The board indicated that the sign provisions are inconsistent with the Master Plan. Council has considered and reviewed the recommendations. In light of the fact that the Master Plan was adopted in 2002 and reviewed in 2008 and in further light of the fact that there have been significant technological developments in lighting and signage subsequent to that time and further since, Council has determined that the nature and type of signs, including lighting that has been proposed, will be aesthetically pleasing and consistent with the high standards set by the City with regard to signage utilized in commercial development. Mr. Youngblood advised that the square footage of the proposed development has been reduced by 10,000 square feet. The parking has been increased to 3.3 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet as is consistent with Ordinance No. 13, 2011. Language has been included to require that the site plan review process be conducted by the Planning Board. Mr. Youngblood also advised that the usage for independent care facility has been deleted.

At 6:12 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk